

Commissioner Stewart Announces the Appointment of the Workers' Compensation Ratepayer Advocate for the State of Delaware

Insurance Commissioner Karen Weldin Stewart announces the retention of Fred Townsend, Esquire as "ratepayer advocate" for the upcoming workers' compensation rate filing. Pursuant to recently passed legislation Mr. Townsend shall represent the interests of Delaware workers compensation rate-payers during the Insurance Commissioner's consideration of the rate filing.

A member of the Delaware Bar since 1990, Mr. Townsend served as Delaware's Deputy Insurance Commissioner from 1995-1999. Since returning to the private sector in 2000, his practice areas have included insurance regulation.

Commissioner Stewart stated that she "is confident that Mr. Townsend's background, both in the Insurance Department and in the private sector makes him well suited to represent the ratepayers' interests during this important step of analyzing the workers compensation rate filing".

Anyone wishing to contact Mr. Townsend should do so via e-mail. Mr. Townsend will be available at ratepayeradvocate@delaware.gov.